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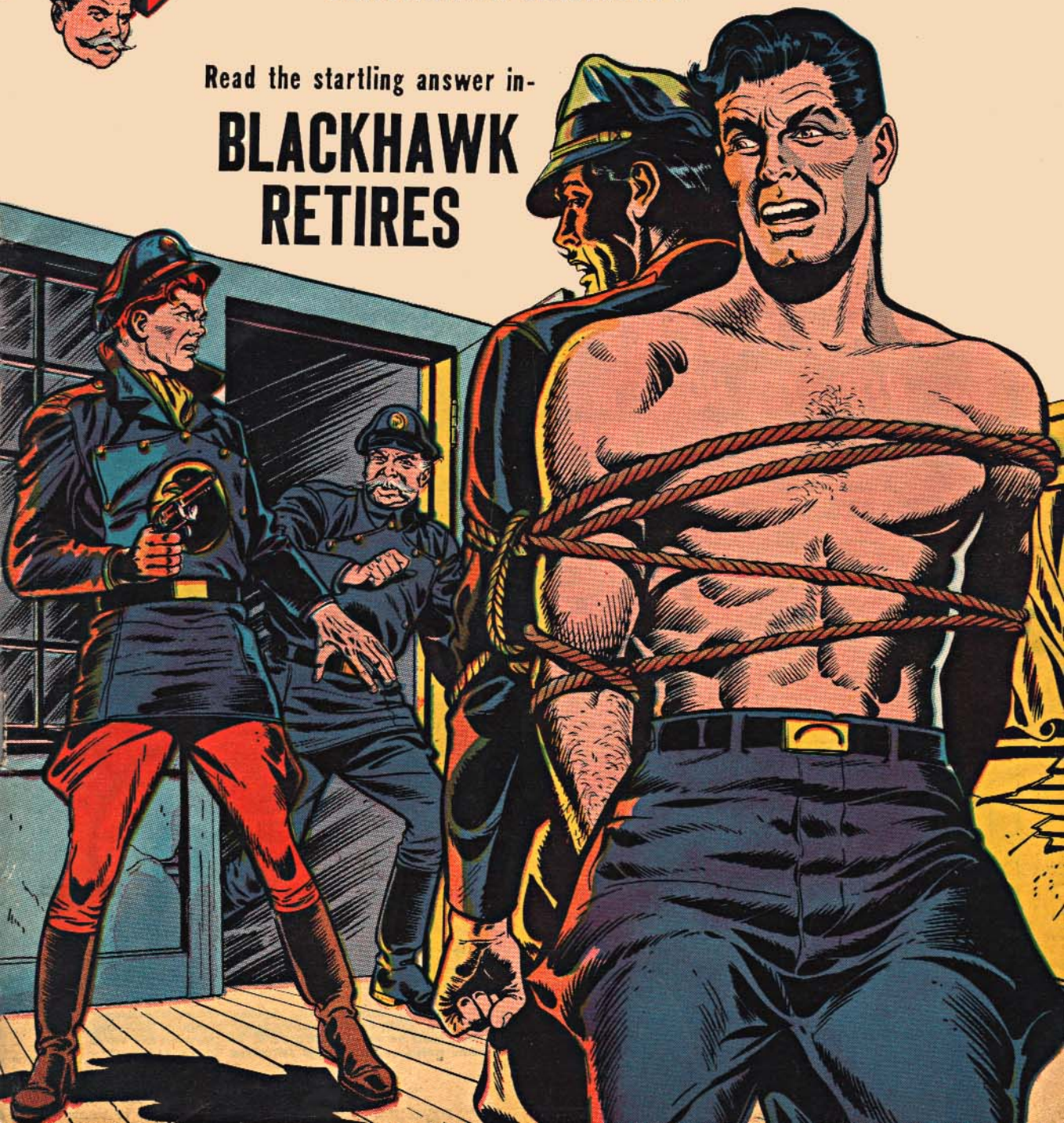
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THE GRIM HAND OF HANGMAN REDRUM REACHED INTO BLACKHAWK ISLAND AND PLUCKED THE BLACK KNIGHTS OF JUSTICE INTO HIS RUTHLESS KINGDOM! NONE BEFORE HAD ESCAPED THIS EXECUTIONER'S NOOSE OF DEATH---AND THE BLACKHAWK'S FIGHTING SPIRIT AND FLAILING FISTS COULD ONLY STAVE OFF THE IMPENDING DOOM THAT AWAITED THEM AS---

BLACKHAWK BATTLES the HANGMAN


IN THE BATTLE LINES AGAINST RED AGRESSION THE BLACKHAWKS BATTLE STAUNCHLY TO DEFEND THE FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLES OF RAMONIA FROM HOSTILE TRANSVANIA ATTACKERS...
SACRE! ZE DOGS ARE MAKING ZE ATTACK!
THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER TO THAT, ANDRE! LET'S MEET 'EM HEAD ON!
GOLLY CHEE!
THEN, BEFORE THE BATTERED RAMONIA DEFENSES, THE BLACK KNIGHTS MEET THE RED TYRANTS....
HAWK-A-A-A-A
VELLY GOOD! BLACKHAWK SAY MEET ENEMIES HEAD ON!
SUDDENLY...
SUFFERING CATS! THEY'RE SHELLING THEIR OWN MEN TO GET AT US!
ACH! ON DER GROUND... QUVICK!
OH, WOBBLY WOES!
EEEEEEEEEEEE
ACH, DU LIEBER!


AFTERWARD, AS THE CURTAIN OF DEATH LIFTS...
BLACKHAWK! HE BAN VANISHED!
H-HE WAS DUG IN ON THAT OVERHANG ABOVE THE RAVINE, OLAF! G-GOSH! THE SHELL BLEW RIGHT BELOW IT! HE'S GONE!
MON AMI! WE MUST FIND HEEM!
HOUR AFTER HOUR THE DISHEARTENED BLACKHAWKS SCOUR THE DISTRICT! NIGHTFALL... AND STILL NO SIGN OF THEIR VALIANT LEADER!
HIMMEL! HE HAS GONE LIKE DER WIND! VAST ISS?
T-THE SHELL DIDN'T HIT HIM DIRECTLY! THERE... THERE SHOULD BE SOME SIGN OF HIS... BODY!
FOR TWO DAYS BLACKHAWK JETS COMB THE AREA AT TREE TOP LEVEL!
ME LIKE YOU VELLY MUCH, ANDRE... BUT VELLY LONESOME NOT FLYING WITH BLACKHAWK!
OUI, MON AMI! SUCH A TERRIBLE WAY FOR ZE GREAT BLACKHAWK TO GO! ANOTHER SHELL... SHE MUST HAVE BLOWN HEEM INTO LEETLE PIECES! ZAT EES WHY WE CANNOT FIND HEEM!
FINALLY, AS THE BLACKHAWKS RETURN TO THEIR ISLAND A SHOCKED WORLD RECEIVES THE NEWS...
ENEMY GUNS KILL BLACKHAWK
BODY NOT FOUND...
FREE WORLD MOURNS LOSS
AND ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND...
NEVER HAFF I HAD SUCH SORROW IN DER HEART! BLACKHAWK GONE... ACH!
HEY, GANG! A STRANGE PLANE IS APPROACHING!
AS THE MYSTERIOUS CRAFT LANDS...
BLACKHAWKS, HEAR! I COME TO READ YOU A DECREE BY HER HIGHNESS, THE RAVEN... OF TRANSVANIA!
T-TRANSVANIA!
YOUR LEADER IS IN MY HANDS! DISBAND THE BLACKHAWKS FOR ALL TIME AND HE SHALL BE RELEASED SAFELY! DEFY THIS DECREE AND HE SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH BY HANGMAN REDRUM IN TWENTY FOUR HOURS!
B-BLACKHAWK! HE ISS ALIVE!


THE STARTLED BLACKHAWKS QUESTION THE ENEMY EMISSARY...
IF I AM FOLLOWED THE GALLOWS SHALL CLAIM BLACKHAWK AT ONCE!
DISBAND THE BLACKHAWKS! T-THE END OF OUR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM!
GOT TO CHANCE IT!


ABRUPTLY, AS THE TRANSVANIAN FLYER TAKES OFF...
HURRY, MON AMIS'! OUR NEW MINIATURE RADAR RECEIVER DISK IS ATTACHED TO ZE ENEMY PLANE!
ACH, ANDRE! DAT VUS DER QUICK THINKING! VE CAN TRACK HIS FLIGHT BACK ON THE RADAR SCOPE!

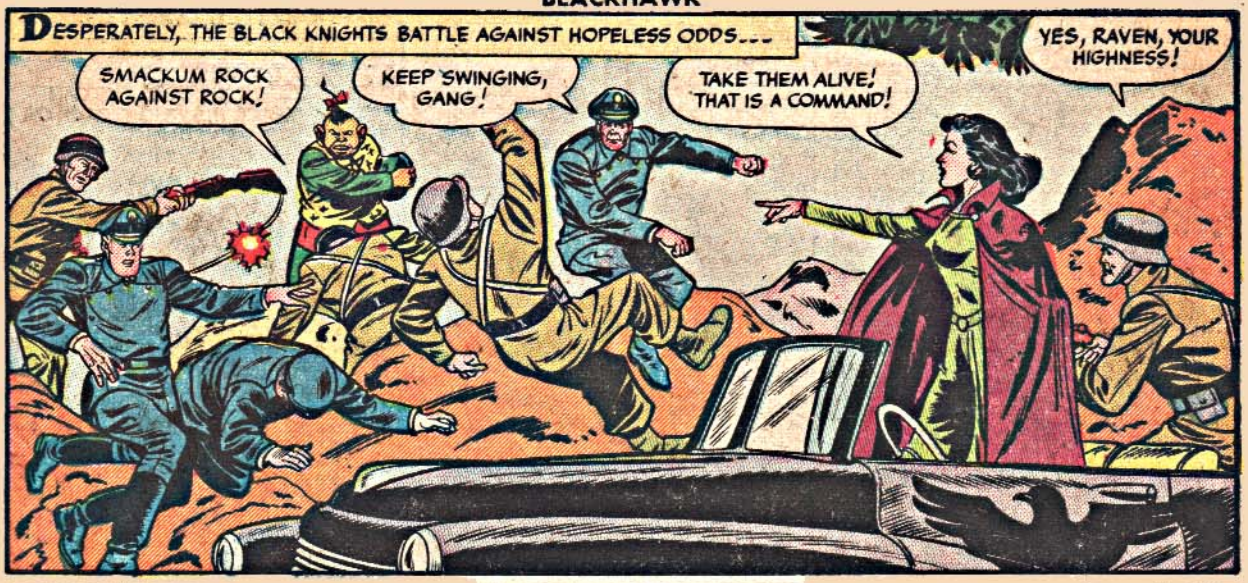

AN HOUR AFTERWARD...
SNAPILY DRAGON TOOTH!
BING! BING! BING!
6...7...8...9... HE'S LANDED! ABOUT EIGHTEEN MILES INTO NORTHEASTERN TRANSVANIA! HANG ON WHILE I TAKE A FINDING...


THERE'S THE SPOT! OUR SMALL, PLANE RADAR SCOPES WILL PIN POINT THE TARGET WHEN WE GET IN THE DISTRICT!


LATER, DEEP IN TRANSVANIA...
WE'RE HERE, GANG! THE CHARACTER LANDED FIVE MILES NORTH! EVIDENTLY THEIR HEADQUARTERS IS THAT CASTLE AHEAD... BAIL OUT AND ADJUST REMOTE CONTROLS!
BING! BING! BING!


BUT AS THE VALIANT FIGHTERS FOR JUSTICE HIT ENEMY AIR...
ACH! CHUTE JAMMED!
SACRE! HENDRICKSON'S CHUTE EES FOULED! HE EES DRIFTING OFF...


MOMENTS LATER, AS THE BLACKHAWKS LAND...
YUMPIN' YUNIPER JUICE! I BAN THINK WE LAND IN TRAP!
HIT 'EM, GANG! JUST AS IF BLACKHAWK WERE FIGHTING WITH US!


DESPERATELY, THE BLACK KNIGHTS BATTLE AGAINST HOPELESS ODDS...
SMACKUM ROCK AGAINST ROCK!
KEEP SWINGING, GANG!
TAKE THEM ALIVE! THAT IS A COMMAND!
YES, RAVEN, YOUR HIGHNESS!


SO! THE MIGHTY BLACKHAWKS HAVE LOST THEIR LAST BATTLE! IT IS WELL I REASONED YOU WOULD FIND A WAY TO TRAIL MY EMISSARY! TAKE THEM TO RAVEN CASTLE!


THEN, WITHIN THE GRIM WALLS OF RAVEN CASTLE...
MEET HANGMAN REDRUM... LORD EXECUTIONER OF RAVEN CASTLE!
HE BAN LOOK FAMILIAR! HIS FACE!
AH, THE FREEDOM FIGHTING SWINE ARE IN THE FOLD! I WILL BRING THEIR LEADER TO THEM!


EVEN THE STAUNCH BLACKHAWKS RECOIL IN HORROR AS THEIR LEADER IS DRAGGED BEFORE THEM...
YOUR NOBLE LEADER! HE IS NOT SO FINE A PICTURE NOW, EH?
YOU BRUTAL SWINE, REDRUM! VUN DAY I BREAK YOUR NECK FOR THIS I BAN THINK!


ENOUGH OF THIS FOOLS PLAY! CONFINE THEM TO THE CELLS! AT NOON TOMORROW THE MASTER GALLOWS WILL END FOREVER THE ERA OF THE BLACKHAWKS!
YES! MY HANGMAN'S ROPE WILL DISBAND THEM QUICKLY!


THAT NIGHT...
WHEN THE SHELL BLEW ME INTO THE RAVINE I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS...THEY FOUND ME...DRAGGED ME HERE TO RAVEN CASTLE!
STEADY, BLACKHAWK! EVEN THOUGH THEIR SCHEME TO MAKE US DISBAND MORE THAN SUCCEEDED WE HAVE ONE HOPE LEFT! HENDRICKSON FELL FREE OF THE TRAP... PERHAPS HE STILL LIVES! ABOUT HIM ANOTHER BLACKHAWK GROUP MIGHT BE FORMED!


MEANWHILE, A HALF MILE FROM THE TERROR-FILLED CASTLE...
ACH! SUCH A MIRACLE I AM ALIVE! DER SWAMP... IT VUS SOFT ENOUGH TO BREAK DER FALL! MY HAIR... IT'S ALL CAKED WITH THIS DARK MUD!


DAT CASTLE MUST BE VERE DER RAVEN ISS! VHEN I VUS UNCONSCIOUS PERHAPS DEY SLIPPED INSIDE!


SHORTLY, AS HENDRICKSON SEEKS OUT HIS PALS INSIDE THE CASTLE...
SO FAR SO GOOT! I HAFF GOTTEN IN UND AVOIDED DER GUARDS! BUT VERE ARE DER BLACKHAWKS? DERE ISS NO SIGN OF FIGHTING!


SUDDENLY, AS HENDRICKSON EXPLORES A DIM PASSAGEWAY IN THE CASTLE...
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COULD DEY HAFF BEEN CAPTURED?... ACH! VUSS ISS?


ABRUPTLY, THE TWO IDENTICAL FIGURES LUNGE AT EACH OTHER...
BLACKHAWK SWINE! YOU DARE RESEMBLE THE GREAT HANGMAN REDRUM!
HANGMAN REDRUM, EH! ACH! I CHANGE YOUR FACE SO VE DO NOT LOOK ALIKE!


OOOMPH!
HIS STOMACH... IT'S LIKE HITTING A STONE WALL!


H-HELP! GUARDS! GUAR...


MINUTES LATER, AS THE CASTLE GUARDS RUSH TOWARD THE CRIES—
IT SOUNDED LIKE THE HANGMAN!
ACH! PERHAPS I CAN FOOL DER GUARDS! DAT SVINE! EVEN HIS CLOTHING SMELL! ACH! DOSE BURNS ON HIS NECK!
HANGMAN REDRUM! WE WERE WORRIED! FROM THE SOUND OF YOUR CRY WE THOUGHT THE BLACKHAWKS HAD ESCAPED!
I MUST VATCH MY ACCENT CAREFULLY!
TAKE ME TO—THEM!
SHORTLY—
OPEN! BRING THEM OUT!
BUT AS THE CELL DOOR IS OPENED—
SWINE! YOU'LL DIE WITH ME, HANGMAN!
BACK! BACK, DOG!
SUDDENLY—
ACH! POOR BLACKHAWK HASS SPOILED DER SHOW! UFF COURSE HE THINKS I AM DER HANGMAN!
LEAVE THE FOOLS IN THEIR CELLS AND COME HERE, REDRUM!
GANG! THAT WASN'T THE HANGMAN— IT WAS HENDRICKSON! I HAD TO ATTACK HIM TO COVER UP A PIECE OF BLACKHAWK UNIFORM THAT WAS PROTRUDING FROM BENEATH HIS DISGUISE!
SUFFERING HANNAH! THEN WE'VE GOT A CHANCE! HE MUST HAVE OVERPOWERED THE REAL HANGMAN!
BUT AS HENDRICKSON LISTENS TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE VICIOUS RAVEN—
REDRUM, YOU MUST FOLLOW MY PLANS FOR THE MASS BLACKHAWK HANGING TOMORROW—WHAT—? WHO IS THIS?
GUARDS! SHOOT DOWN THAT MAN! HE IS AN IMPOSTOR—I AM THE REAL REDRUM!


HE IS THE FRAUD! HE IS HENDRICKSON, A BLACKHAWK WHO SEEKS TO RESCUE HIS FRIENDS WHILE DISGUISED AS MYSELF!
FOOL! I HAVE PROOF ON MY NECK---


ROPE BURNS! ONLY THE REAL HANGMAN HAS THOSE--- WHA---?
CORRECT! HERE ARE THE REAL HANGMAN WOUNDS! HA! YOU CALL THOSE SCRATCHES WOUNDS!
R-RAVEN! TELL US! WHICH IS THE REAL HANGMAN!


THAT MAN IS--- REDRUM!

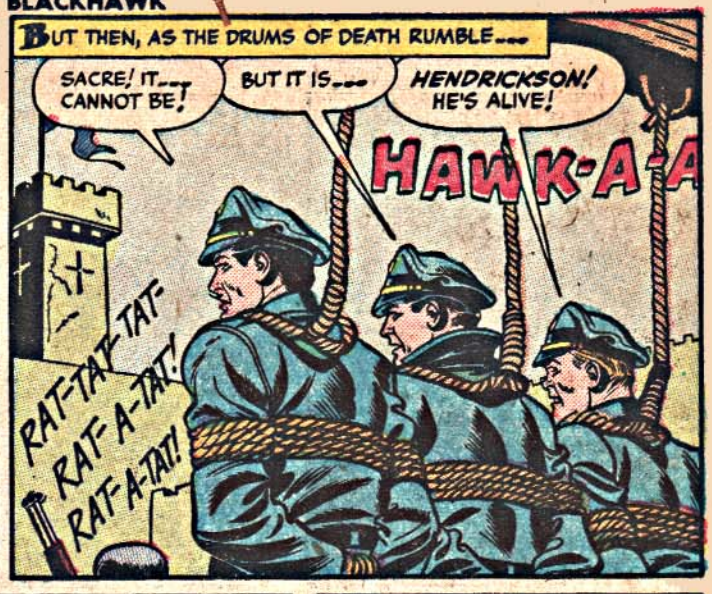

---THE HANGMAN! THE OTHER IS A FRAUD!
H-HIMMEL! DOT VAS A CLOSE VUN!


NO---NO--- IT IS A LIE--- ARRRGH!
IT IS DONE! THE IMPOSTOR DOES NOT EVEN DESERVE THE DIGNITY OF YOUR SERVICES, HANGMAN!
YAH--- ER, YES, RAVEN!


AT DAWN THE NEXT MORNING---
THIS EXECUTION WILL BE YOUR GREATEST TRIUMPH, HANGMAN! THE BLACKHAWKS ARE NOW BEING LED OUT!
GOOD, RAVEN!
THE CHEWING GUM I ROLLED INTO DER LOOSE SKIN OF MY NECK FOOLED HER INTO THINKING I VUS DER REAL HANGMAN--- BUT DER CASTLE IS LOADED MITT GUARDS--- HOW CAN VE EXCAPE DEM?


SHORTLY, THE BLACKHAWKS MARCH THE PATH OF DEATH LED BY HENDRICKSON---
HA! DO NOT HOPE FOR MIRACLES, BLACKHAWKS! YOUR MEMBER WHO POSED AS THE HANGMAN WAS EXPOSED AND SHOT LAST NIGHT!
HENDRICKSON! HE TRIED HIS BEST!
SACRE! HE GAVE HEES LIFE TRYING TO SAVE HEES FRIENDS!

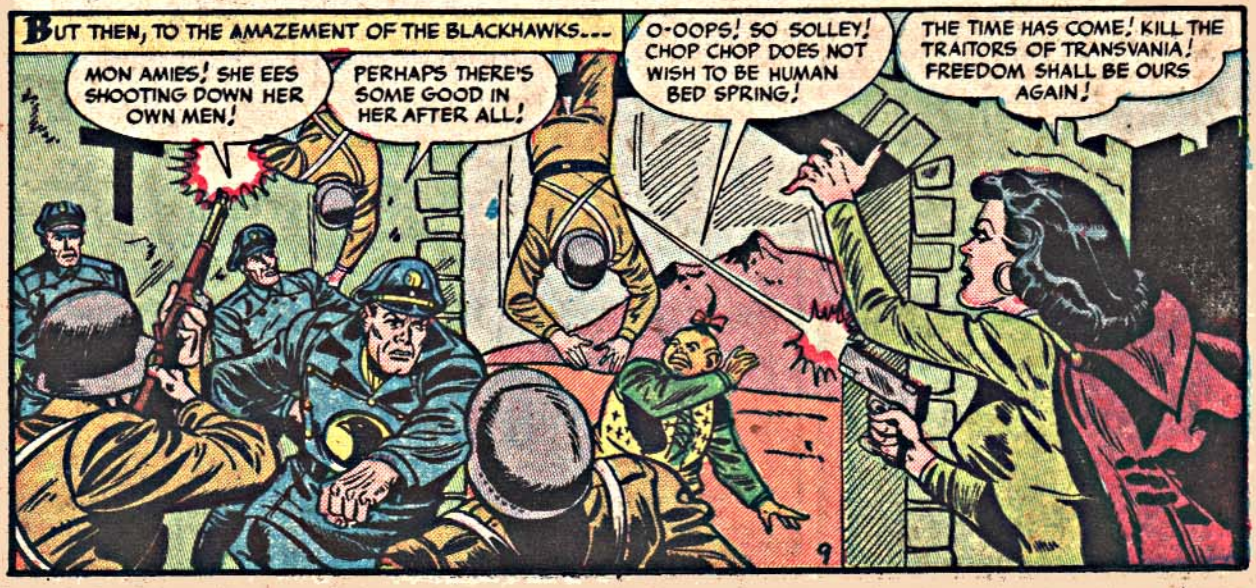

AND A MOMENT LATER, AS THE VALIANT BLACKHAWKS STAND UPON THE OMINOUS GALLOWS---
STEADY, GANG! REMEMBER--- WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!
OUI! WE WILL NOT COWER BEFORE THESE PEEGS!


BUT THEN, AS THE DRUMS OF DEATH RUMBLE---
SACRE! IT--- CANNOT BE!
BUT IT IS---
HENDRICKSON! HE'S ALIVE!
HAWK-A-A
RAT-TAT-TAT-
RAT-A-TAT!
RAT-A-TAT!


JA! HURRY, MY FRIENDS--- VEE MUST MAKE A BREAK FOR FREEDOM BEFORE DER SWINE ARE UPON US!
THEN--- THEY MADE A MISTAKE AND KILLED THE REAL HANGMAN!
OH, GOLLIES ---CHOP CHOP SEEING DOUBLE! IS TOO GOOD TO BELIEVE!


WE'RE STILL NOT OFF THE HOOK, GANG! GETTING OUT OF THIS PLACE IS GOING TO BE ROUGH!
THERE IS VON CHANCE IN A THOUSAND--- VEE MUST LEAVE BY DER FRONT GATE BEFORE REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE!


AND AS THE GALLANT BLACKHAWKS BATTLE THEIR WAY TO FREEDOM---
OH, OH! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE HAD IT, GANG! THE RAVEN'S TORPEDOING OUR ESCAPE PLANS!
OH, WOBBLY WOES! SO NEAR--- AND YET SO FAR!


BUT THEN, TO THE AMAZEMENT OF THE BLACKHAWKS---
MON AMIES! SHE EES SHOOTING DOWN HER OWN MEN!
PERHAPS THERE'S SOME GOOD IN HER AFTER ALL!
O-OOPS! SO SOLLEY! CHOP CHOP DOES NOT WISH TO BE HUMAN BED SPRING!
THE TIME HAS COME! KILL THE TRAITORS OF TRANSVANIA! FREEDOM SHALL BE OURS AGAIN!
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I-I DON'T GET IT, RAVEN! WHY THE SUDDEN CHANGE IN PERSONALITY?
THERE IS NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW, BLACKHAWK! THE AMMO DUMP--- DESTROY IT AND THE HANGMAN'S FOLLOWERS WILL BE HELPLESS TO ATTACK THE FREE WORLD!


THIS JOB CALLS FOR A SOLO, MEN! TAKE THE RAVEN AND CLEAR OUT OF HERE FAST! THAT'S AN ORDER!
WE WEEL OBEY, BLACKHAWK! BUT ZEE CONCUSSION FROM ZEE EXPLOSION ---IT WEEL KILL YOU!


MOMENTS LATER, AS THE BLACKHAWKS CARRY OUT THEIR LEADER'S ORDERS---
PERHAPS--- HE WILL SURVIVE THE EXPLOSION!
LET US HOPE SO! NO ONE CAN TAKE OVER HIS LEADERSHIP! WE WILL BE LOST WITHOUT HIM!


SACRE! IT IS BLACKHAWK'S FINISH---SUCH A BLAST I HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
OH, GOLLIES---CHOP CHOP HAVE HUMBLE REMEMBRANCE OF GOOD FRIEND BLACKHAWK!


BUT THEN, AS THE DOWNCAST TEAM PREPARES TO LEAVE THE AREA---
ACH, DU LIEBER! BLACKHAWK SURVIVED!
BUT---IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
ALMOST, GANG! BUT THE TIME CHARGE I SET ALLOWED ME TIME TO ESCAPE THE CASTLE! THE CONCUSSION WAS NEARLY MY FINISH THOUGH!


AND LATER, AS THE FAMED BLACKHAWKS MAKE THEIR WAY TO THEIR PLANES---
I PRETENDED TO BE A COLLABORATOR WITH THE HANGMAN IN ORDER TO BE ON THE INSIDE---KNOW HIS PLANS! BUT AFTER HE TOOK YOU PRISONER I REALIZED I HAD TO DO SOMETHING TO SAVE YOU---EVEN THOUGH IT MEANT EXPOSING MYSELF!
I SEE---YOU WERE ABOUT TO BREAK UP THE HANGING PARTY WHEN HENDRICKSON SAVED US! YOU'RE A BRAVE GIRL, RAVEN!


I HATED TO SEE YOU TORTURED--- BUT I COULDN'T RISK EXPOSING MYSELF! BESIDES, THERE WAS NO WAY FOR ME TO GO AGAINST THE HANGMAN'S ORDERS!
I UNDERSTAND, RAVEN! BUT NOW OUR JOB IS TO LET THE WORLD KNOW! AS LONG AS THERE'S FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLE LIKE YOU AROUND THE WORLD IS SAFE FROM TYRANNY!


WHERE OPPRESSION RULES THE ENSLAVED
AND---
WHERE THE TYRANT SHOWS HIS HAND---
THERE WE FIGHT AND MAKE OUR STAND---
WE'RE BLACKHAWKS

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Chop Chop
PEOPLE SAY MOUNTAIN AIR VELLY HEALTHY BUT IT NOT LOOK THAT WAY TO ME!
AH! VELLY INVIGORATING ATMOSPHERE! BLACKHAWK DO CHOP CHOP BIG FAVOR WHEN HE LEAVE HIM HERE FOR SHORT TIME WHILE OTHER BLACKHAWKS GO ON QUICK MISSION!
HOMINY AN' GRITS MOUNTAINS NO FLAT-LAND FURRINERS ALLOWED
IS LIKE VACATION!


YAWP!
BANG

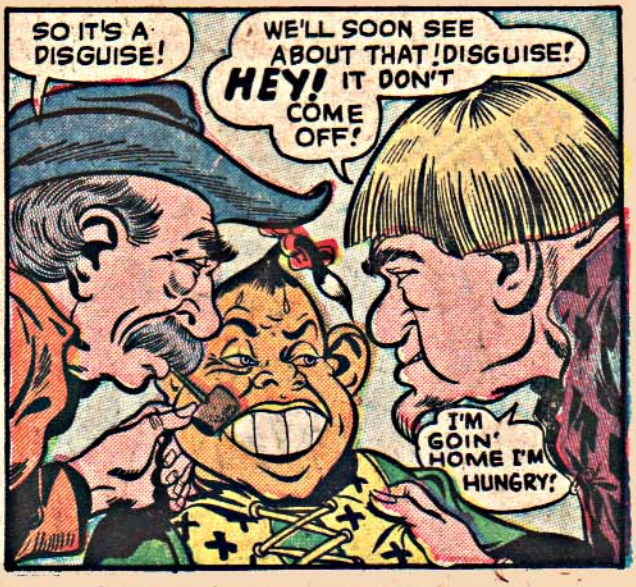

HEY! YOU CLAZY? YOU WANT TO KILL SOME-BODY?
DON'T MIND EF I DO, SPECIALLY IF'N IT'S BANDIT JAKE I'M A-KILLIN'!


ME BANDIT JAKE! NEVER EVEN HEAR OF HIM, LET ALONE BE HIM! IS RIDICULOUS! ME HONORABLE MAN NAMED CHOP CHOP!
YOU AIN'T FOOLIN' ME WITH THAT RIG! SARAH, THE WITCH, WARNED ME ABOUT BANDIT JAKE'S DISGUISES!


BANDIT JAKE··· SARAH, THE WITCH···IT MAKES LESS SENSE ALL THE TIME!
GIT GOIN'!


I GOT HIM, SARAH, THE WITCH! I SHORE AS SHOOTIN' DONE FOUND BANDIT JAKE!
IS VELLY GREAT NONSENSE!


HIM BANDIT JAKE?
HEZZY BE RIGHT! DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE DISGUISE! I WARNED YOU BANDIT JAKE HAS THOUSANDS OF 'EM!


SO IT'S A DISGUISE!
WE'LL SOON SEE ABOUT THAT! DISGUISE! HEY! IT DON'T COME OFF!
I'M GOIN' HOME I'M HUNGRY!


ME WIZARD! WILL SHOW YOU TERRIFIC MEAL ONLY WIZARD CAN MAKE! BUT FIRST MUST GATHER INGREDIENTS!
ALL RIGHT, BUT WE'LL BE A-WATCHIN' YE!


THIS ROOT GIVE VELLY BAD PAIN IN STOMACH! THAT WILL CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHOP CHOP TO ESCAPE!


IS THET WHAT WE'RE A-GOIN' TO EAT? IT SHORE DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH!
WHEN BANDIT JAKE GET THROUGH WITH IT YOU NOT BE ABLE TO TELL IT FROM FILET MIGNON!


VELLY GLAD YOU SO INTERESTED!
AIN'T NUTHIN' SARAH, THE WITCH DON'T KNOW ABOUT COOKING UP THINGS! I'LL TELL YE IF IT'S A-GOIN' TO AMOUNT TO ANYTHING!


GAW-W! IT DO SMELL HORRIBLE!


KLUNK!
WITCH VELLY GROGGY! UH-OH! IS BUMP HEAD ON POT, MAKE WIG MOVE OUT OF PLACE! VELLY INTERESTING!
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HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' WITH SARAH THE WITCH?
ME FOOL YOU GENTLEMEN! ME MAKE POTION TO REVEAL DARK SECRETS! SORRY YOU CANNOT HAVE GOOD DINNER BUT THIS BETTER!


THAT'S BANDIT JAKE ··· JUST AS I REMEMBER HIM!
VELLY GOOD!
WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE? LET ME GO! I'LL HEX YE IF'N YE DON'T!
YOU'RE A FAKE, BANDIT JAKE! THIS CHOP CHOP FELLER IS REAL! THERE NEVER WAS NO SARAH, THE WITCH! YOU MADE HER UP SO YOU COULD COME TO US AND TALK US INTO NABBIN' SOME INNOCENT MAN AND HANGIN' HIM! THEN YOU COULD GO ON FOREVER DOIN' EVIL!
GWARK! I'VE BEEN EXPOSED!
LET'S HANG THE REAL BANDIT JAKE!
NO! HANGING VELLY UNHEALTHY! ALSO AGAINST LAW UNLESS LAW DOES HANGING! TAKE BANDIT JAKE AND TURN OVER TO SHERIFF!
ALL RIGHT··· SEEIN'S IT WAS YOU THAT GOT HIM FER US!
SHORE HATE TO MISS THET MEAL WE WERE A-GOIN' TO HAVE THOUGH!
MAYBE YOU LUCKY! SOMETIMES MEAL GIVE BAD PAIN IN STOMACH!
AH! ATMOSPHERE SEEM VELLY INVIGORATING AGAIN! TOO BAD BLACK-HAWKS COMING BACK ALREADY!
HI, CHOP! BEEN ENJOYING THESE PEACEFUL MOUNTAINS?
PEACEFUL MOUNTAINS! BLACKHAWK, SOME-TIMES YOU NOT REALIZE HOW VELLY GOOD YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR CAN BE!

BLACKHAWK



CAN ANOTHER MAN EVER REPLACE BLACKHAWK AS LEADER OF THE FAMED WORLD FIGHTERS?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AGE FINALLY CATCHES UP WITH BLACKHAWK? CAN IT BE THAT BLACKHAWK IS OLD BEFORE HIS TIME? CAN IT BE THAT HIS REFLEXES ARE SLOWING UP SO THAT HE NO LONGER HAS THE RIGHT TO COMMAND HIS MEN IN COMBAT? HERE IS THE ANSWER TO THOSE QUESTIONS! HERE, THEN, IS THE AMAZING SERIES OF EVENTS THAT LEAD TO THAT DREADFUL DAY WHEN...

BLACKHAWK RETIRES!








INSPIRED BY THEIR LEADER'S RASH COURAGE, THE BLACKHAWKS DISPLAY THE COMBAT SKILL THAT HAS MADE THEM WORLD-FAMOUS!
AH, SNAKE...I HAVE WIZDRAWN YOUR FANGS!
YOU HAF PLAYED MIT FIRE...UND NOW YOU GET BURNED!
HOBOY! CHOP CHOP TO THE LESCUE!
HEY, BLACKHAWK... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THAT OFFICER WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PRISONER! I'LL TRY TO CAPTURE HIM!
AS THE BLACKHAWKS FIGHT ON WITHOUT THEIR LEADER, SUDDENLY A MACHINE-GUN TEAM SENDS SNARLING SLUGS AT THEM!
DUCK!
OOOOH! GOLLIES!
WE'RE MOUSE-TRAPPED! WHERE THE HECK IS BLACK-HAWK?
WE WOULD HAVE A CHANCE IF ONLY BLACKHAWK WERE AROUND TO PICK OFF THOSE GUNNERS!
SUDDENLY, A STRANGER APPEARS ...A DYNAMO WHO IMMEDIATELY SWINGS INTO SPECTACULAR ACTION!
THAT JUST ABOUT SETTLES YOUR HASH!
QUICK, BLACKHAWKS... THERE ARE MORE HIGH-PRESSURE GASOLINE HOSES! USE THEM!
YOU HEARD HIM, MEN! I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS, BUT HE SURE KNOWS WHAT TO DO!
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The TIDE TURNS! EMPLOYING THE STRANGER'S TACTIC, THE BLACKHAWKS SOON BATTER THE TERRORIST BAND INTO SUBMISSION!
















WHILE THE BLACKHAWKS ARE MOMENTARILY STUNNED BY THEIR LEADER'S MISHAP, THE TERRORISTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TURNABOUT SITUATION!
NOW IS OUR OPPORTUNITY! STRIKE! STRIKE HARD!


SUDDENLY... HELP COMES FROM ELSEWHERE!
GOT HIM! LUCKY I WAS CRUISING BY!
HOLY SMOKE! IT'S OUR GOOD SAMARITAN AGAIN! THAT GUY ALWAYS SHOWS UP AT THE RIGHT TIME!


SWIFTLY, THE STRANGER ACTS ON A PLAN! HE SWIFTLY LIGHTS A FLAMING TORCH AND FLINGS IT AT A BARGE-LOAD OF SULPHUR!
BLACKHAWKS! QUICK! PUT HANDKERCHIEFS OVER YOUR FACES!


:CHOKE: CAN'T BREATHE! :COUGH! BURNING SULPHUR FUMES... CHOKING US! :COUGH:
NOW, MEN... CHARGE! HAWKAA-AA!


SO, LED BY A STRANGER SHOUTING THEIR BATTLE CRY, THE BLACKHAWKS WIN ANOTHER VICTORY! AND LATER...
THAT WAS QUICK THINKING, STRANGER! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOUR HELP...
YES, BLACKHAWK! I'M AFRAID YOU WEREN'T OF MUCH USE TO YOUR MEN... AGAIN!


AW, SHUCKS! EVERYBODY'S ENTITLED TO MAKE ONE... ER.. I MEAN.. TWO MISTAKES!
THANKS, CHUCK! BY THE WAY, SIR... WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
DRAGO! I WAS GALVIA'S AIR COMMANDER DURING THE WAR!


WELL, YOU'VE CERTAINLY SHOWN YOU KNOW HOW TO FIGHT! I'D BE HONORED IF YOU JOINED THE BLACKHAWK SQUADRON!
I WANT MORE THAN THAT! I WANT TO BE LEADER OF THE BLACKHAWKS!


YOU... LEADER! I'M THEIR LEADER! I ALWAYS WILL BE!
IT'S TIME YOU RETIRED FROM LEADERSHIP, BLACKHAWK! YOU'RE SLOWING UP!
WHA..AT? YOU TALK AS IF I WERE AN OLD MAN!
YOU ARE...COMPARED TO OTHER PILOTS! AFTER ALL, WHEN ATHLETES REACH A CERTAIN AGE, THEY ARE CONSIDERED OLD... THEIR REFLEXES BEGIN TO SLOW UP! IT'S HAPPENING TO YOU!
AND TO BE THE BLACKHAWKS' LEADER, YOU MUST BE EXTRA-ORDINARILY QUICK OF MIND AND ACTION! YES, BLACKHAWK... IT'S TIME YOU GAVE THE LEADERSHIP TO A BETTER MAN!
MAYBE I'M STUBBORN, BUT I'M NOT CONVINCED! I REFUSE!
THEN YOU LEAVE ME NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CHALLENGE YOUR RIGHT TO BEING LEADER!
I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE! COME ON... I'M READY FOR YOU!
BLACKHAWK VS. DRAGO! WHO WILL WIN? WHO WILL BE THE LEADER OF THE BLACKHAWKS?
YUMPIN' YIMINY! NICE WORK, BLACKHAWK!
ATTABOY, BLACKHAWK!
But SOON AFTER, BLACKHAWK SEEMS TO TIRE...HIS WIND GIVES OUT...AND THEN DRAGO BORES IN, HIS FISTS BEATING BACK BLACKHAWK RELENTLESSLY!
OHHH!
THAT DOES IT!
BLACKHAWK'S KNOCKED OUT!
HE DEFEATED BLACKHAWK!





And SO, IT IS WITH HEAVY HEARTS THAT THE BLACK-HAWKS SEE THEIR BELOVED LEADER TAKE LEAVE OF THEM--- PERHAPS FOREVER!



And SOON, THE PRESS OF THE ENTIRE DEMO-CRATIC WORLD PAYS HOMAGE TO THE GAL-LANT FREEDOM FIGHTER!



But THE BLACKHAWKS HAVE NO TIME TO MOURN---FOR THE NEXT NIGHT THEIR NEW COMMANDER LEADS THEM TOWARD A DARKENED WAREHOUSE---



As THE BLACKHAWKS ENTER, SUDDENLY---LIGHTS WINK ON!






THE PHONE CALL IS MADE, AND SOON AFTER, THE SECRET HEADS OF THE TERRORISTS APPEAR---
WELL, DRAGO, THE PLAN WORKED TO PERFECTION! WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON CARRYING IT OUT SO WELL!
SO IT WAS YOU GENTLEMEN WHO ORGANIZED THE PLAN AND ARE BEHIND THE TERRORISTS! YOUR IDENTITY HAD ALWAYS BEEN KEPT SECRET FROM ME!
ALL RIGHT, BLACKHAWK! YOU CAN COME IN NOW!
STAND WHERE YOU ARE! GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS HAVE THE ENTIRE AREA SURROUNDED!
DRAGO--- YOU---YOU BETRAYED US! I'LL--- AGGH!
FASCIST SWINE! BE QUIET OR THE NEXT BULLET GOES AT YOUR HEART!
BLACKHAWK, WILL YOU START EXPLAINING BEFORE WE ALL GO NUTS?
IT'S SIMPLE! I PRETENDED TO JOIN THE TRAITORS--- BUT ONLY SO I COULD LEARN THE IDENTITIES OF THE TERRORIST HEADS WHO'D KEPT THEIR NAMES WELL HIDDEN! BLACKHAWK JOINED ME IN MY SCHEME!
SO, I PRETENDED TO BE SLOWING UP SO DRAGO COULD BECOME YOUR "LEADER"! NATURALLY, WE HAD TO MAKE IT LOOK GOOD SO THAT THE TERRORISTS WOULDN'T SUSPECT OUR PURPOSE!
BUT, WHY DIDN'T YOU LET US IN ON THE SCHEME?
A COUNTRY'S FUTURE WAS AT STAKE! WE HAD TO MAKE SURE YOU REALLY WERE SHOCKED AND SADDENED TO LOSE ME AS YOUR LEADER!
THOSE FOOLS! AS IF ANYONE COULD EVER REPLACE YOU!
PERHAPS, BUT YOU DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB!
I WAS ONLY ACTING, REMEMBER! TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M ALL DONE IN! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN KEEP UP SUCH A SWIFT PACE! PHEW!
HA, HA!
HO, HO, HO!

KILLER RAID

FROM his luxurious apartment, Grido could hear the earth-shaking thunder of the jet planes, and over the roofs, a great mushroom of ugly crimson smoke rolled upward. An arrow of planes zoomed up and the last rays of the setting sun touched the Blackhawk emblem on their wings.

At the open window, Grido watched the Blackhawk planes vanish. His evil face was gray with fear.

Behind him Lucifera, lovely and evil, said softly, "So it is over, Grido?"

"All over," he panted hoarsely. "Those cursed Blackhawks. They drove back the Rebels and exploded The Bomb out there. The blast must have wiped out the Rebel army."

"And now," Lucifera said, and her lovely lip curled, "your scheme of conquest failed and you are helpless."

Grido moaned, "They'll be after me, now. Blackhawk knows, I tell you. He knows it was my scheme to wipe out those stupid leaders who wanted a democracy."

"But can he prove it?" Lucifera asked softly. "If the rebels were destroyed, you are safe. No one else could betray you."

Grido sank in his chair, eyes widening. "You're right, my dear. Blackhawk has no proof. I have nothing to fear. Let them come."

There was a sudden commotion outside the door. The voice of the sentry cried, "Halt! Stand back or . . ."

The voice died in a sharp, meaty impact. The door burst open and the sentry came in. He came in backward, his eyes glazed, his gun falling from limp hands.

From the doorway, Blackhawk said quietly, "For a man who calls himself a friend of the people, you employ strange guards. When this one wakes up, warn him not to point his gun at peaceful visitors."

"Blackhawk," Grido mumbled, "I—we are honored. You know Lucifera?"

"Only by reputation," Blackhawk said, bowing. "As I am sure you know these men who accompany me. Your little scheme has failed, Grido. We exploded The Bomb you had made and it destroyed nothing but your stooges."

"My stooges?" Grido asked, grinning. "Why Blackhawk, surely you can't think I had anything to do with the Rebellion. I was here, leading the city's defenses."

"Grido," Blackhaw said coldly, "the Rebellion was *your* idea to destroy those who wanted a democracy without implicating yourself."

"But you can't prove it," Grido leered. "If you harm me, the world will think the Blackhawks attack the innocent." He stood up. "Here I stand, unarmed, defenseless. Now is your chance to destroy me."

Blackhawk smiled thinly. "We have no intention of attacking you. We'll let you destroy yourself. You're caught in your own evil trap, though you haven't realized it yet. Farewell."

Bowing, the Blackhawks filed out. Grido stared after them. He whispered hoarsely, "Blast those fiends! What are they up to?"

"Oh," Lucifera cried sharply, "you are nothing but a snivelling rat. Don't you recognize a bluff when you hear it?"

"Blackhawks don't bluff," Grido whispered, chewing his lips. "I tell you, they've got me and they know it. If they discover my plans for world domination . . ." His voice trailed off.

Lucifera stood up. "I'm clearing out before you go all to pieces, Grido." She went to the wall and pushed aside a drapery, revealing a hidden safe. "But before I go, I want these secret papers destroyed. If the Blackhawks knew what was in here, you'd really be in danger."

"Yes," Grido babbled frantically. "Those papers reveal our connection with the Rebellion. We must burn them at once."

He pushed her aside and worked the dial with shaking fingers. Presently the heavy door swung outward. Grido reached in and snatched out a thin sheaf of documents. A wild cry of terror tore from his lips. "Look! Their mark! Their symbol!"

There, on the top document was the mark of the Blackhawks. Lucifera snatched the packet, pawing through it. Each of the top secret papers bore that same weird emblem of universal justice.

"That's what they meant," Grido was moaning. "They knew all the time."

"It's impossible," Lucifera cried wildly. "No one knows the combination of that safe but you and me. We were together when the papers were locked away."

Suddenly Grido pointed a shaking finger at Lucifera. "You! You betrayed me! You sold me out to the Blackhawks."

"You're crazy!" Lucifera shrieked, her eyes blazing. "You must have sold *me* out."

"I should never have trusted you," Grido babbled, "but you'll never live to betray me again."

He whipped out a gun. Suddenly, Lucifera also pulled out a gun, and it was spitting flame.

Clutching at his breast, Grido fell to the floor. The documents with the emblem of the Blackhawks scattered from his limp hand.

Down in the courtyard, the Blackhawks heard the shots. A moment later Lucifera darted from a side door of the palace. Olaf cried, "Blackhawk. dot evil voman iss escaping."

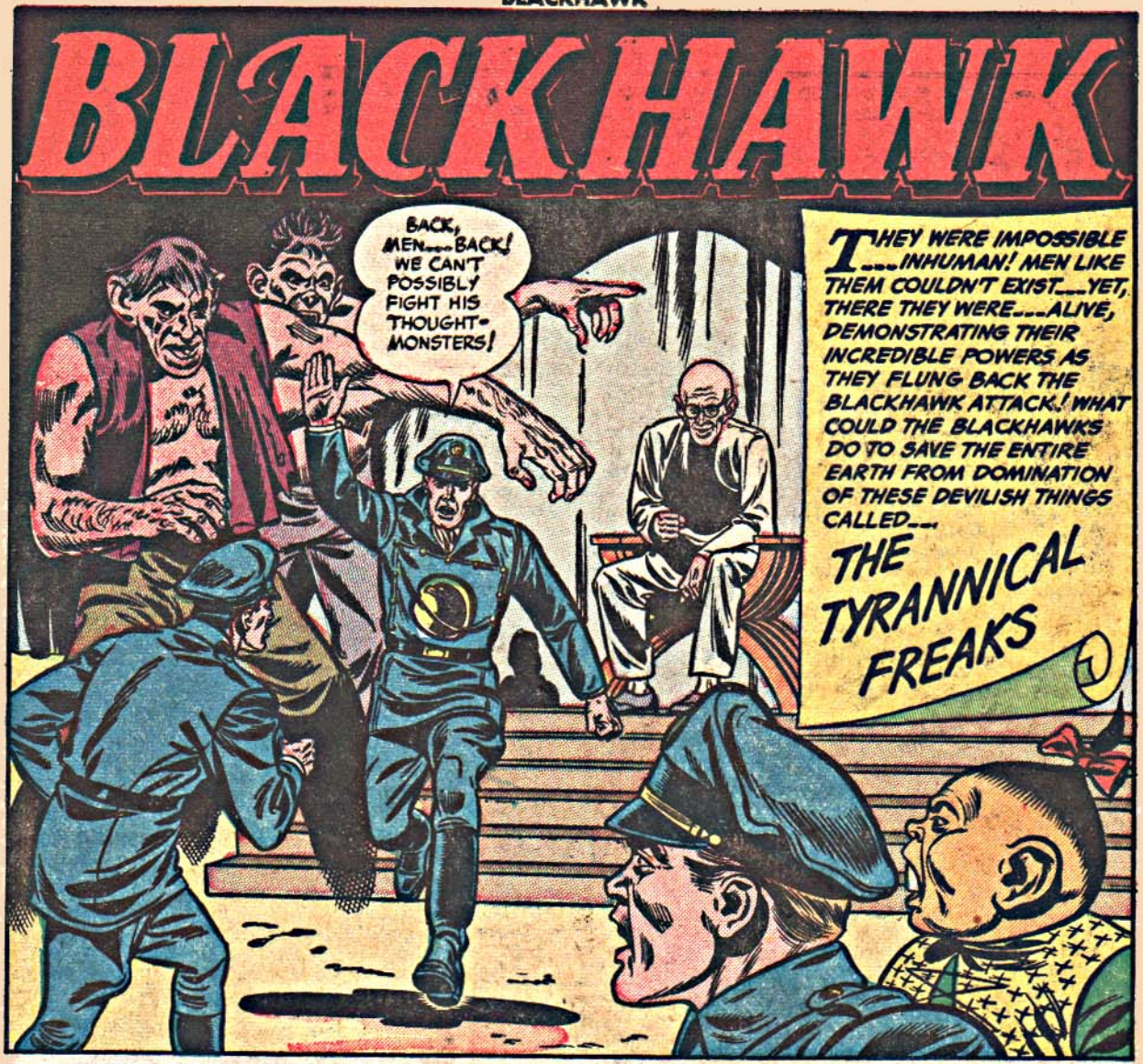
"Let her go," Blackhawk said quietly. "There is no hiding place on earth for her guilt."

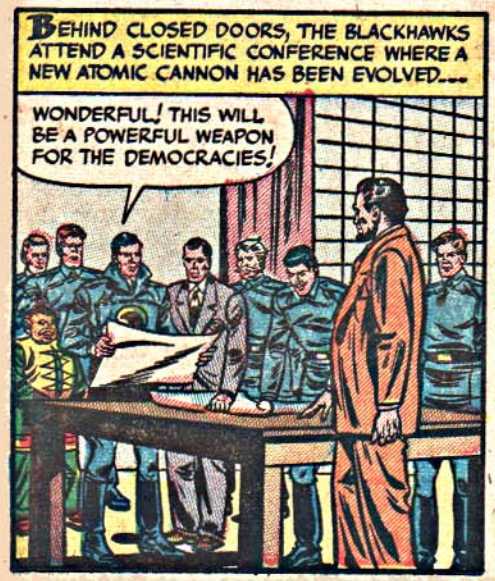
They watched her run toward the airport. A few moments later her private plane leapt into the reddish cloud and vanished. A moment later it came tumbling out, down and down until a distant crash marked its destruction.

"Blackhawk," Chuck said then. "She flew into the smoke from The Bomb and the radiations destroyed her. But what broke her up with Grido? What happened to him?"

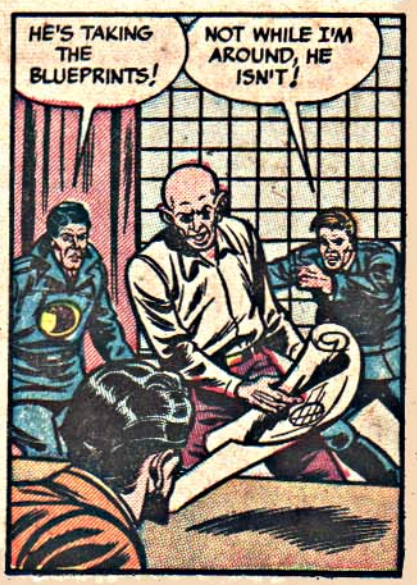
"I think she killed him," Blackhawk said softly. "But actually, fear killed them both. A year ago, when Grido began his march to power, I suspected his evil intent. The State Printer cooperated by printing our emblem on all state documents in a type of ink that would only become visible when the air was filled with atomic radiation. If he had not built The Bomb, he would never have seen it."

BLACKHAWK


BACK, MEN...BACK! WE CAN'T POSSIBLY FIGHT HIS THOUGHT-MONSTERS!
THEY WERE IMPOSSIBLE....INHUMAN! MEN LIKE THEM COULDN'T EXIST....YET, THERE THEY WERE....ALIVE, DEMONSTRATING THEIR INCREDIBLE POWERS AS THEY FLUNG BACK THE BLACKHAWK ATTACK! WHAT COULD THE BLACKHAWKS DO TO SAVE THE ENTIRE EARTH FROM DOMINATION OF THESE DEVILISH THINGS CALLED...
THE TYRANNICAL FREAKS


BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, THE BLACKHAWKS ATTEND A SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE WHERE A NEW ATOMIC CANNON HAS BEEN EVOLVED...
WONDERFUL! THIS WILL BE A POWERFUL WEAPON FOR THE DEMOCRACIES!


GREAT SCOTT! LOOK!
MON DIEU....A MAN.... WALKING THROUGH ZE SOLID WALL!


HE'S TAKING THE BLUEPRINTS!
NOT WHILE I'M AROUND, HE ISN'T!



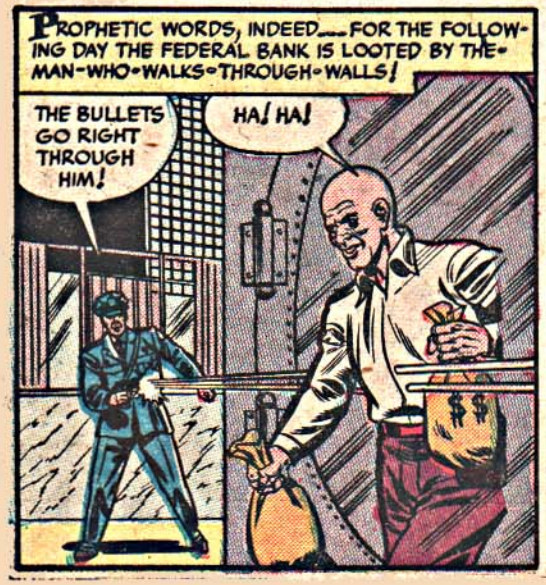


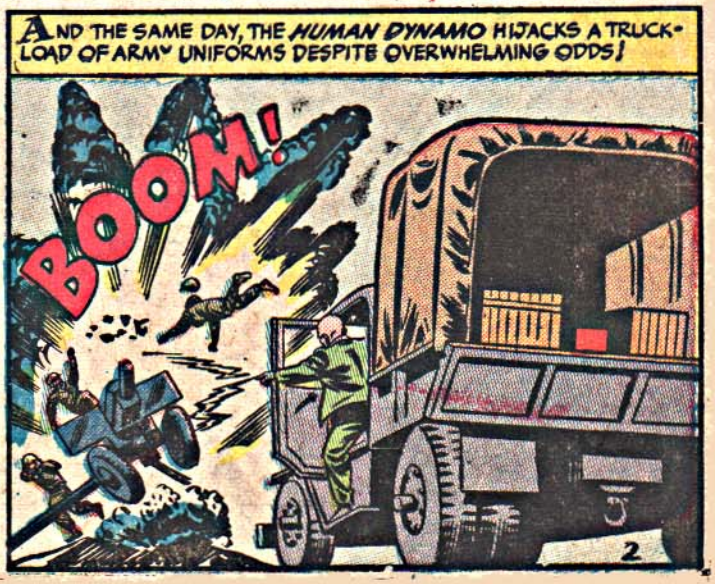


THE INCREDIBLE HAPPENS AGAIN! THE SECOND STRANGER SENDS A LONG CRACKLING BOLT OF ELECTRICITY FROM HIS FINGERS STRAIGHT AT THE PURSUING BLACKHAWK CAR!










SOON AFTER, THE RULER CALLS AN EMERGENCY CONFERENCE...
FIRST THE ATOMIC CANNON PLANS---THEN THEY STEAL GOLD---AND NOW ARMY UNIFORMS! WHAT DOES IT MEAN, BLACKHAWK?
IT'S OBVIOUS! THEY INTEND TO FINANCE A PRIVATE ARMY THAT WILL EVENTUALLY ATTACK YOUR COUNTRY!
A PRIVATE ARMY? BUT WHERE WILL THEY GET RECRUITS?
FROM THE ONE SOURCE DICTATORS HAVE ALWAYS GOTTEN THEIR STRONG-ARM GOONS---THE UNDERWORLD!
ACCORDING TO PLAN, THE BLACKHAWKS KEEP ALL CRIMINAL HANGOUTS UNDER CONSTANT WATCH---AND SOON...
THEY'RE ALL HEADING FOR THAT LINE OF CARS! THIS IS IT! THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY GOING TO DRIVE TO THE SECRET STRONGHOLD OF THE FREAKS!
LATER, FROM THEIR JETS, THE BLACKHAWKS TRAIL THE CRIMINAL RECRUITS...
THAT MUST BE IT BELOW---THAT OLD CASTLE! MEN, WE MUST BOMB THAT STRONGHOLD NOW---BEFORE THOSE FREAKS GET A CHANCE TO ATTACK!
BOMBS AWAY!
BUT BELOW, THE ASTONISHING HUMAN DYNAMO SENDS UP A SHIELD OF ELECTRICAL FORCE THAT EXPLODES THE BOMBS PREMATURELY!
THEN HE SENDS ELECTRICAL BOLTS CRACKLING LIKE WHIPS ABOUT THE HAPLESS BLACKHAWK JETS, HERDING THEM TOGETHER...
WE CAN'T BUCK THAT KIND OF FORCE, MEN! WE'LL HAVE TO GO DOWN AND TAKE OUR CHANCES! AT LEAST WE'LL GET TO MEET THE FREAKS FACE-TO-FACE!

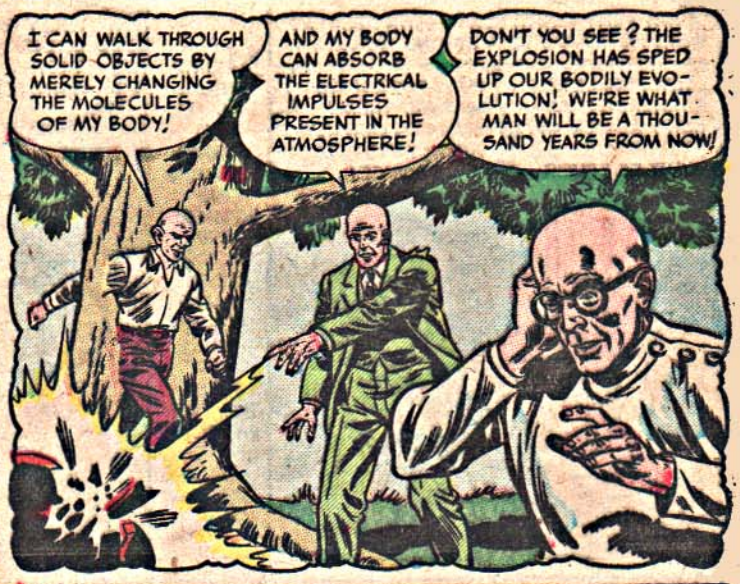
SOON AFTER, THE BLACKHAWKS ENTER THE STRONGHOLD OF THE *FREAKS*, CAUTIOUS YET WILLING TO BRAVE THE *UNKNOWN* DANGER BEFORE THEM!

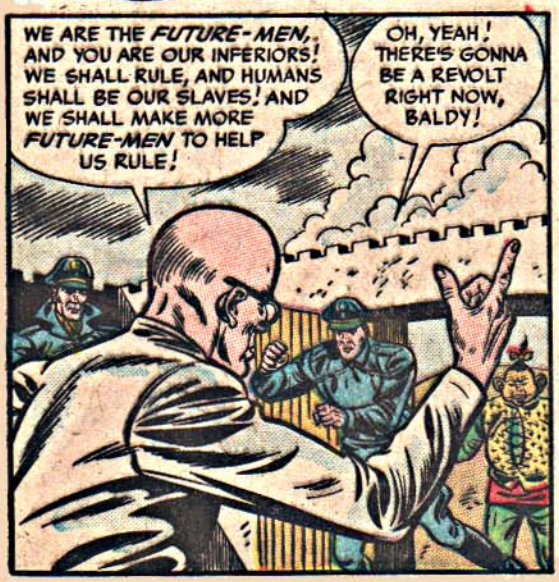










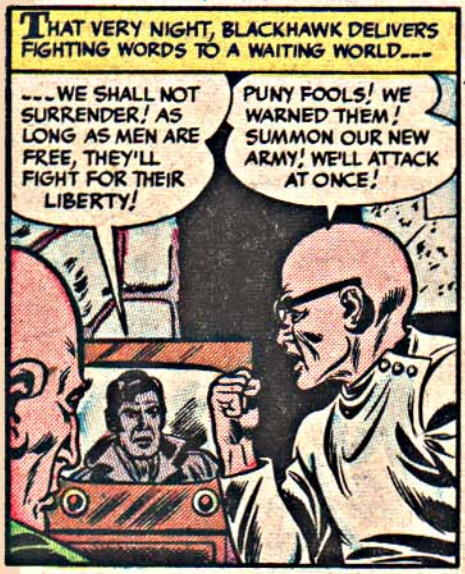




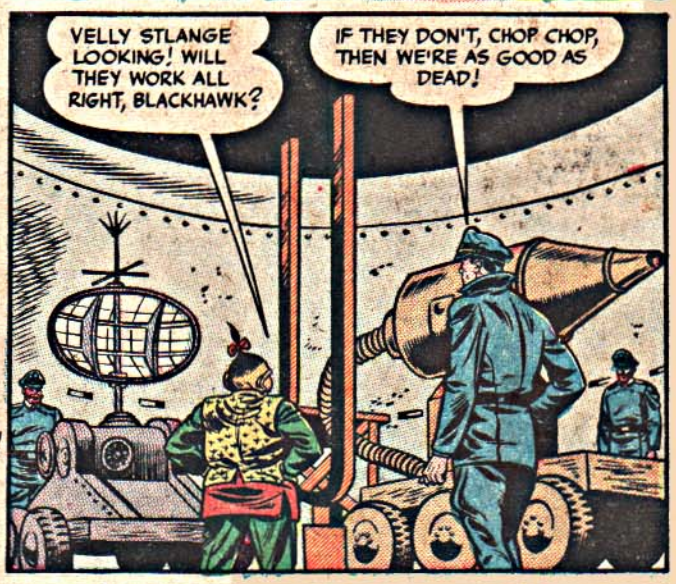


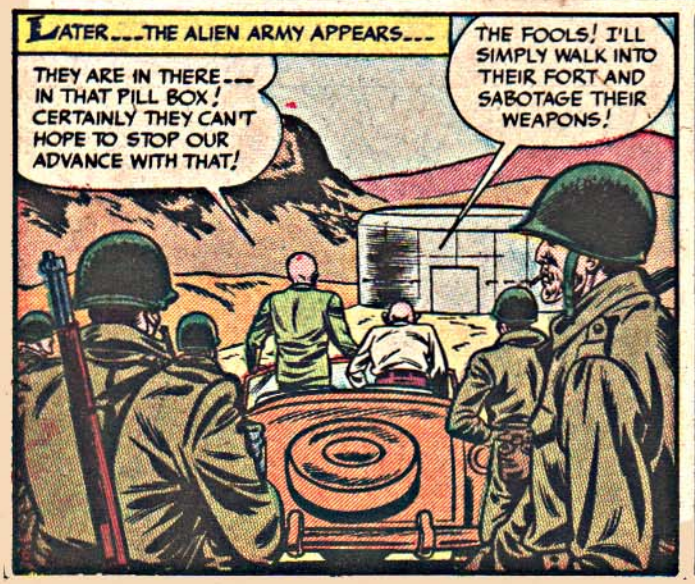






MORNING--- AND ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN THE INVADERS AND VICTORY ARE THE VALIANT BLACKHAWKS AND THREE BIZARRE WEAPONS!



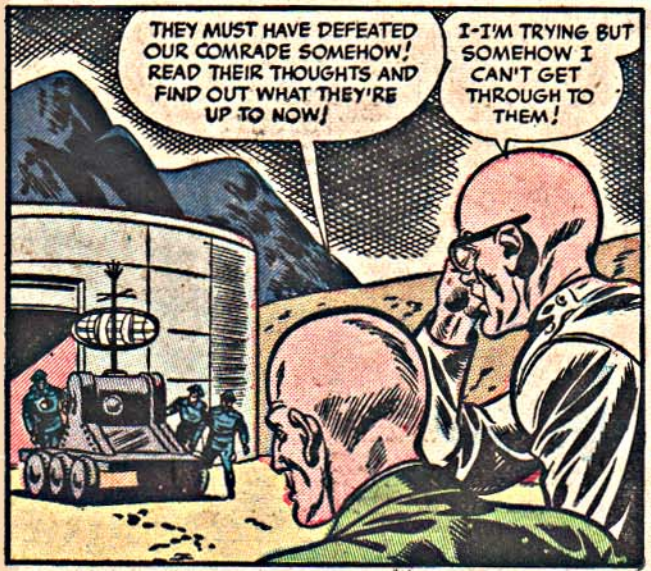





NOW!


THE HEAD OF THE SLEDGE HAMMER STRIKES...AND INSTANTLY AN OVERWHELMING VIBRATION OF SOUND FILLS THE ROOM!
YA-AA-AA
BON-NN-NG


ACH! HE IS GONE... TURNED INSTANTLY INTO DUST!
HE WAS A THREAT TO MANKIND! IT HAD TO BE DONE! AND OUR WEAPON WAS MERELY A GIGANTIC TUNING FORK THAT SENT OUT A VIBRATIONAL MUSIC NOTE THAT SHATTERED HIM...JUST AS A SINGER'S VOICE CAN SOMETIMES SHATTER GLASS!


THEY MUST HAVE DEFEATED OUR COMRADE SOMEHOW! READ THEIR THOUGHTS AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE UP TO NOW!
I-I'M TRYING BUT SOMEHOW I CAN'T GET THROUGH TO THEM!


UNKNOWN TO THE TELEPATH, THE BLACKHAWKS HAVE CLEVERLY INSERTED LEAD SHEETING IN THEIR CAPS TO BLOCK HIS THOUGHT WAVES...
I'LL SCARE THEM OFF WITH MY THOUGHT-MONSTERS!


MON DIEU! HURRY, BEFORE ZEY ARE UPON US!
OKAY, MEN... NOW!

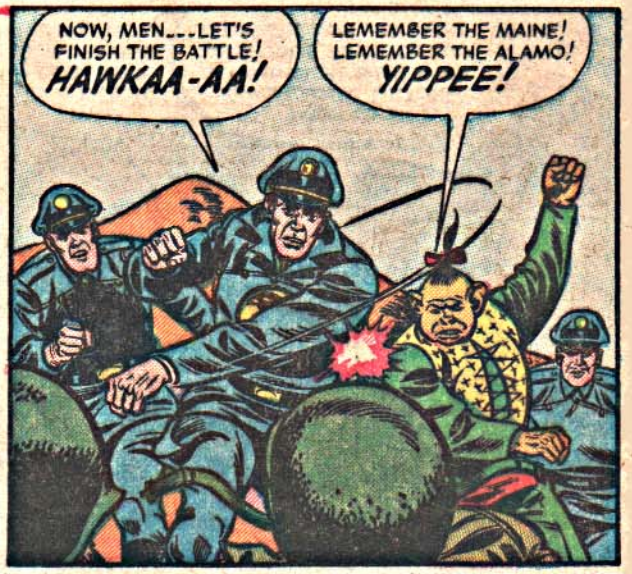

THE SECOND WEAPON... A RADAR-LIKE INSTRUMENT THAT RECEIVES IMAGES AND MAKES THE IMAGES BOUNCE BACK, LIKE AN ECHO!
WHA-AAT? AGHHHH!









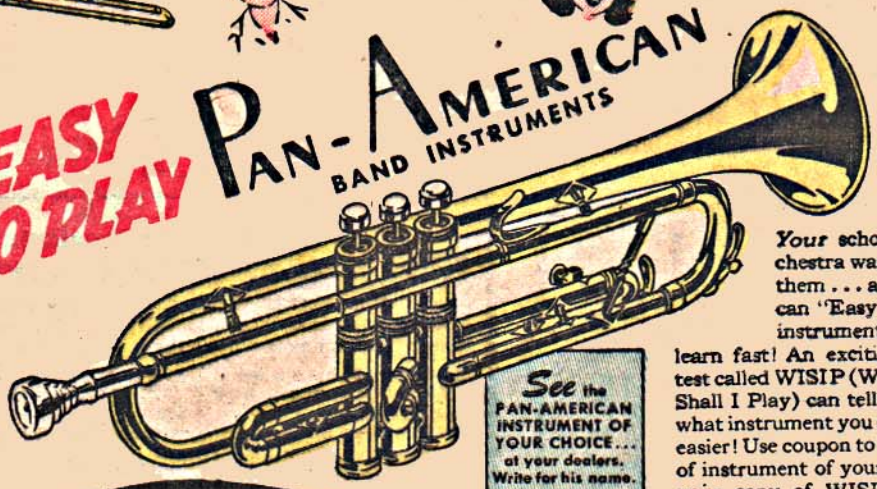




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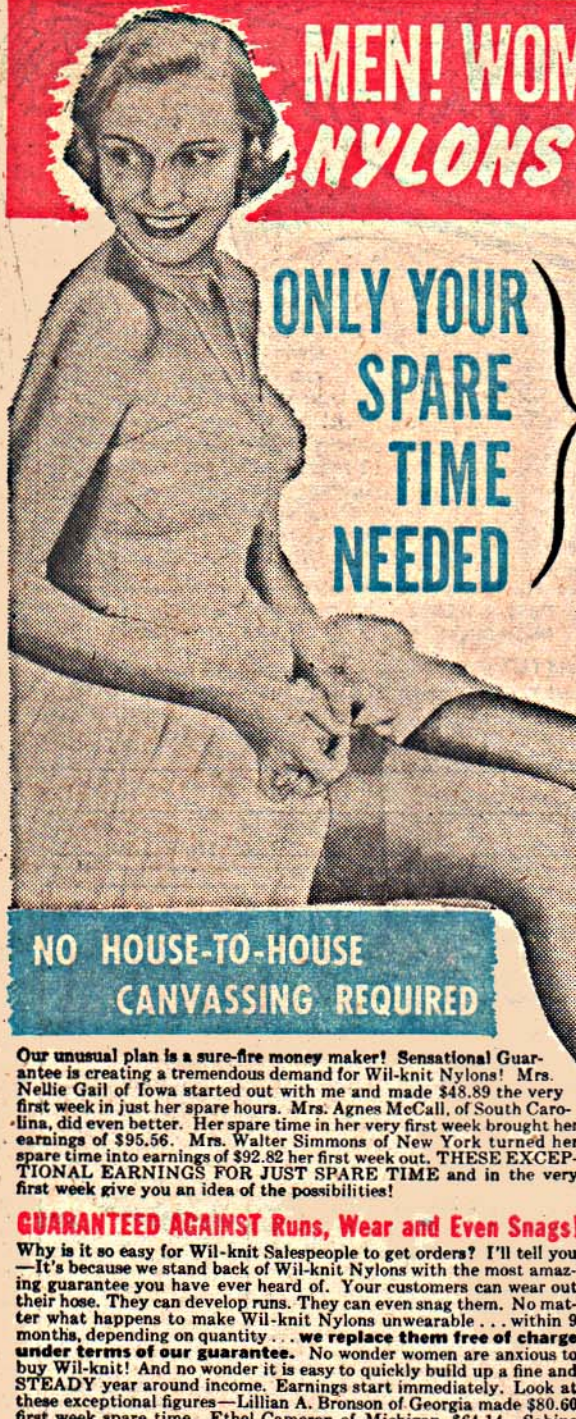
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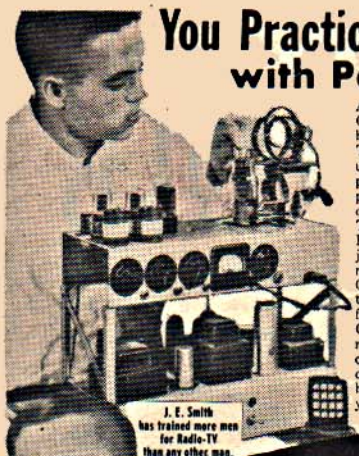
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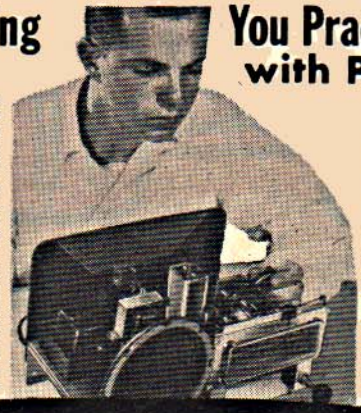
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